GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Facilities in Government Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to provide free books, uniforms and other school related materials to the students of 9th and 10th Classes in Government schools;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
(c) whether the Government has received any requests/proposals in this regard from any State including Government of Kerala; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) There is no such proposal with the Central Government at present.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) & (d) Requests in this regard have been received in the Ministry from different States/UTs. However, no such proposal has been received from the State Government of Kerala in their Annual Work Plan for 2016-17.
The centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) provides various infrastructural facilities in new government secondary schools and existing government secondary schools including toilet, drinking water facilities, Science Lab, Computer rooms, library etc. At present provision of free books, uniform and other school related material to the students of classes 9th and 10th is not considered under RMSA scheme except for the children with special needs covered under Inclusive Education for Disabled at Secondary Stage (IEDSS) component of the scheme.
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